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IDENTITY THEFT: YOU HAVE A LOT TO LOSE

Armed with little more than the name, address, birth date, and Social Security number of a completely unknowing person, thieves are illegally obtaining credit cards and access to checking accounts. Others use their newfound identities to apply for employment, an auto loan, or a driver's license or even to commit a serious crime. Worse, that unknowing person might be you.

Consumer advocacy groups, such as the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse in San Diego, are receiving an increasing number of requests for help from victims of a crime that most law enforcement officials call "identity theft".

For victims, the nightmare might begin when someone steals a wallet or check. Or when someone pilfers financial or other records with identifying information from a trash can. Or it might occur when the perpetrator legally obtains credit bureau records while working for a credit grantor (a financial institution, auto dealer, insurance company).

The lengthy process victims endure to untangle the web of fraud is draining both financially and psychologically.

So, what have you got to lose?

- **Access to credit.** A bad credit rating can virtually prohibit you from getting a credit card or any type of loan.
- **Use of your checking account funds.** You're likely to show up as a bad risk on retailer's check verification systems.
- **Employment opportunities.** A damaged credit report or driving record could take you out of the job market.
- **Work time.** With passage of the Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence Act of 1998, victims finally have a federal law that gives them the right to file police reports and recoup damages. But it takes

time to be persistent and assertive in clearing their names.

- **Money.** Costs can mount when you retain the services of legal counsel.

Report any suspected identity theft to GGEFCU as soon as you realize it has occurred. And visit the Federal Trade Commission identity theft Web site (www.consumer.gov/idtheft) to view a copy of its publication, "Id Theft: When Bad Things Happen to Your Good Name."

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CU 24 Access

COMING SOON!

Statements in Seconds,
Not Days.



Receive E-Statements
Instantly!

CU 24 Access

ATM

MEMBER TELEPHONE SERVICE

WEB BRANCH

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Sign up for E-Statements and you could win an iPod Shuffle! Log on to www.ggefcu.com.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



Buenas and Felis Anu Nuevo from everyone here at Government of Guam Employee Federal Credit Union! It's January—the month that kick-starts the New Year, prompts resolutions and marks the beginning of yet another chapter in our relationship as the GGEFCU community. As I think about everything we've accomplished over the past year, there would be no cause to celebrate without our members. More so, we would not be here today nor will we be here tomorrow without our members. You all are truly the key to GGEFCU's success and long life. Therefore, on behalf of the Board of Directors, management and staff of GGEFCU, I'd like to celebrate and thank you—our members, existing and new—for your commitment to us. We are ever-grateful for your support.

With the Holidays now behind us, it is time to recover and prepare for our future. We understand that as every day life begins to take shape again, many of you may realize that you have spent a lot of money over the past few months. And while this may seem like a difficult feat to overcome, we are committed to making the transition into the New Year a smooth one. Why? Because you are more than our clients; you are our members, our community. Our way of life. It embodies the sense of pride, sharing, and concern that we show one another whether at work, home, or play.

Here at GGEFCU, we stand out among other financial institutions because we are driven by a "member helping member" philosophy. A philosophy rooted in you, our community. We know that part of our commitment to you is to provide reliable, understanding service and excellent products according to your life's varying demands.

Now is the time to call or visit GGEFCU. Experienced professionals, who are trained and skilled in analyzing, establishing, and maintaining the financial histories of individuals, are waiting for you. With a combined financial service record of more than forty years, the staff of GGEFCU can offer you stellar service while providing you with the attention, honesty, and confidentiality you expect. Please feel free to stop by or call any one of our branches with questions or comments. We are thankful to have the opportunity to serve you in 2006.

Norbert F. Ungacta,
Chairman, Board of Directors

CREDIT UNION AND YOU



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO

Happy New Year, GGEFCU members! My sincere thanks to you all throughout 2005—without your efforts, Government of Guam Employee Federal Credit Union would not have enjoyed the successes we did during this exciting and challenging year. It's proof that, yet again, we embraced the "member helping member" philosophy and lived up to the expectations of our community.

As we progress into 2006, I'd like to take the time to remind you that our Annual Meeting and Election for Board and Credit Committee Members is coming up on Wednesday, April 19, 2006. The Annual Meeting will be held at Okura Hotel in the evening but voting for Board and Credit Committee Members will be held throughout the day at all GGEFCU branches—a new and necessary change this year that we hope will improve voter turnout! As always, we make every effort to add to your convenience. We understand that you may not be able to join us down in Tumon on Election Day in the evening and hope this new voting process helps manage your busy schedule. After all, GGEFCU has played an important part in managing your finances for almost 44 years, and we want to hear from you how to continue to do so for the next 44 years. So come out to vote and ensure that we can all look forward to a bright financial future.

Identity theft is a very serious problem these days. We've also made strides in ensuring the security of your personal and private information and the hard earned money you have entrusted us to safeguard. We have added enhanced security features such as login names and timed sessions, to our FREE Home Banking on our CU Web Branch. It's a virtual Fort Knox for your money!

Over the coming months, we will begin to reveal some great new products and services such as more ATMs for your convenience and Member Business Loans. Our members have active lifestyles, and we want you to be able to access your money no matter where you are on the island—north, south, east or west. Member Business Loans will help members who wish the purchase or refinance investor properties and/or small business owners who cannot get help from the big banks.

Again, thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve you. Membership in GGEFCU is for life. No matter what changes happen in life, we will continue to be at your service. GGEFCU is committed to providing you with knowledgeable and personal service at any of our branches. We think of our member community as a family, and family is the source of life. As always, if you have any questions or comments, we welcome your calls or personal inquiries at any one of our branches.

John Arroyo, President/CEO

COLORING CONTEST WINNERS!

Thank You to all who participated in the contest and congratulations to the following winners!



Sergio Taitano
Harry S. Truman
Elementary
Category I

Juliana Joan
R. Camacho
Juan M. Guerrero
Elementary
Category II



Tianna Jaylene
Quintanilla
Harry S. Truman
Elementary
Category III

STOCKING CONTEST WINNERS!

Congratulations to our Christmas Club Stocking Winners who enjoyed 8' foot stockings full of great prizes just in time for Christmas!



Mary Grace
Lapid,
Maite Branch



Ricardo Marquez, Tamuning Branch

Not Shown: Besty Miller, Harmon Branch

2006 ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS ANNOUNCEMENT

The GGEFCU Nominating Committee will be accepting nominations for the Board of Directors and Credit Committee. The Board of Directors are volunteers who set the future direction of the Credit Union with regard to the wishes of the membership. The Members of the Credit Committee performs quality control to strengthen the credit union's loan underwriting process and documentation. **There are two (2) positions available on the seven (7) members of the Board and three (3) positions available on the five (5) members of the Credit Committee.** Those interested may obtain a nomination packet which will be available on February 1, 2006 at the Credit Union Maite Office at 121 Robat Street Maite, Guam. All nominations **must be submitted by March 15, 2006** by the close of business day at 5:00 pm.

The Annual Meeting and Election of Officers will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2006. The member's meeting will convene at the GGEFCU main office in Maite at 9:00 am. Voting will be held at all three (3) locations in Maite, Tamuning and Harmon from 9:10 am – 5:00 pm. The Annual Meeting will re-convene at the Orchid Ballroom, Guam Hotel Okura at 6:00 pm the same day. Any member interested in running for these positions and for all other inquiries pertaining to the election, please contact the nominating committee at 479-8211 or 477-8736.

Voters Qualification:

- Must have valid identification
- Must be a member on or before April 18th, 2006
- Voter must be the primary owner of the account
- Must be 16 years or older
- Must meet the minimum par value (\$25.00)

NEW ATM LOCATIONS!

CU24 Access

ATM
MEMBER TELEPHONE SERVICE
WEB BRANCH

Circle K
Cabras Location

Micronesia Mall
across Dreyer's Ice Cream

Guam Premier Outlets
Fiesta Court

FREE FOR MEMBERS \$1.50 FOR NON-MEMBERS



DESIGN AN IRA STRATEGY THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU

Retirement security has received tremendous media attention recently, as the administration pursues its Social Security privatization plan, and both supporters and detractors make their case. Whatever the outcome of that proposal, it is a given that Americans need to do a better job in preparing for their senior years. For millions of people, an IRA (individual retirement account) is part of the formula for success.

Perhaps the most important advantage of IRAs as a savings instrument is that they offer important tax advantages—either now or later.

The two basic types of IRAs are traditional and Roth. Traditional IRAs are divided into tax-deductible and nondeductible types. Contributions to Roth IRAs are not tax-deductible, but their earnings can be distributed tax-free if certain conditions are met. All of this makes a difference when owners or beneficiaries begin withdrawing the funds. For a primer on the basic provisions of IRAs, see IRS (Internal Revenue Service) publication 590.

How much can I contribute? For 2005 through 2007, the contribution limit for both Roth and Traditional IRAs is the smaller of either \$4,000 or your taxable compensation for the year. If you are age 50 or older, that limit rises to the smaller of your taxable compensation for the year or \$4,500 (2005) or \$5,000 (2006 and 2007). The amount a member can contribute to Roth IRAs is phased out based on

the member's taxable income. A member who attains age 70 ½ by the end of a year cannot make regular contributions to traditional IRAs for that year.

What kind of IRA is best for me? The advantage of a traditional IRA is that it may provide a tax deduction for the year. If you are in the 25% tax bracket and contribute \$4,000 to a traditional IRA, you reap an immediate \$1,000 in tax savings. But the IRS considers the entire \$4,000 plus all earnings taxable when you withdraw the money. The tax deduction of a member who participates in a retirement plan or whose spouse participates in a retirement plan is phased out based on the member's taxable income.

A Roth IRA, by contrast, offers no immediate tax advantage, but all earnings can be tax-free at withdrawal. If the requirements for tax-free distribution are met, all proceeds come to you with no tax liability. Therefore, if you expect to reap substantial earnings on your IRA investment over time, the Roth option might be preferable. If you need the tax advantage immediately, a traditional IRA might be best. Remember: The basic purpose of an IRA is to provide financial security in the future.

Can my spouse participate? Yes. If your husband or wife does not have a paying job, you can make a contribution in his or her name each year.

The bottom line: In the three decades since it was first introduced, the IRA has become a popular and flexible tool to help Americans prepare for their future financial security. It offers a host of options designed to meet the needs of a variety of lifestyles and circumstances, and can make the difference between just getting by and living the retirement life of your dreams. But because the rules regarding IRAs can be tricky, it's a good idea to check with a financial pro at GGEFCU as you develop your plan.

CU IRA



Big Dreams, Bright Future.
Traditional/Roth, & Coverdell ESA as high as:

IRA 12 MONTH TIME SHARE	IRA 24 MONTH TIME SHARE	IRA 60 MONTH TIME SHARE
3.80% ^{APY*}	3.87% ^{APY*}	4.75% ^{APY*}

CU IRA
12 MONTH
24 MONTH
60 MONTH

At GGEFCU, we understand the importance of saving for an education. Our Educational IRA allows you to save for the child of your choice — yours, a niece, a nephew, grandchild or any special child in your life. Stop by your credit union today or call us at 477-8736 and we'll help you find the ideal Individual Retirement Account Plan that best suits you and your family.

Your funds are federally insured to \$100,000 by the National Credit Union Administration.

*APY = Annual Percentage Yields are subject to change without notice. Yields are effective February 1, 2005.

CU Checking



Our Checking Gives You Money Back... Guaranteed!

Get a **FREE VISA Check Card!**

CU Checking
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At GGEFCU, You are guaranteed to earn interest on your money deposited into your checking account - and CU Advantage FREE Checking really is FREE! Check out these great benefits!

- Interest Bearing at .75% APY
- No Monthly Fees
- No Minimum Balance Required
- Free Direct Deposit & more!

Your funds are federally insured to \$100,000 by the National Credit Union Administration.

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DIRECT DEPOSIT TRIMS YOUR TO-DO LIST

We're a nation on the go. There's work time, fitness time, child time, spouse time, parent time, friend time, and—if you're lucky—some quiet time.

Wouldn't it be nice to worry about one less thing? Try direct deposit.

With direct deposit, you authorize your employer or federal agency, like the Social Security Administration, to deposit your check directly into your GGEFCU account so you can count on access to funds without visiting the credit union. Instead of a check, you receive a paper record of the transaction. Employers, for example, provide an earnings statement on payday showing net deposit and how much was withheld for taxes, company savings plans, or any other withheld amounts.

And direct deposit isn't just for paychecks. If you're receiving Social Security checks, GGEFCU or a local or regional Social Security office easily can switch you to direct deposit.

The Internal Revenue Service also is getting into the act. Direct deposit now delivers tax refunds to accounts of both electronic and nonelectronic tax filers.

No matter where your check's coming from, direct deposit takes the worry out of:

- Stolen or misplaced checks. The Treasury Department reports that more than a million mailed Social Security and government pension checks are lost, stolen, or late every year. And, more than four million paychecks are lost or stolen each year.
- Delayed deposits. Your funds are deposited regularly, and on time. You get paid even if you're not at work on payday, or can't make it to GGEFCU during business hours.
- Losing potential dividends. With direct deposit you earn dividends on funds as soon as possible. If you have to deposit funds in person, any delay postpones when your money starts making money.
- Lost time. One estimate says direct deposit can save up to 24 hours a year otherwise spent going to the credit union to cash or deposit your paychecks.



MONEY-MAKING IDEA: SELL YOUR OLD CAR YOURSELF

How hard do you work to take home a thousand dollars? Well, that's how much you might throw away if you trade in your old car rather than sell it yourself. Follow these tips and if you're lucky, you'll keep that thousand, rather than hand it to the dealership.

1. Clean your car top to bottom. Fix minor things like blown fuses.
2. Find out its "wholesale" value—that's all a dealership will give you for it. Just take your car to a few used-car operations and ask what they would pay to buy your car outright. The highest figure is its true wholesale value. You also can get a fair idea from classified-ad asking prices for cars like yours, and on the Internet at sites like www.edmunds.com.
3. Set an "asking price" that's high enough to allow you to dicker: Add \$2,000 to the wholesale price.
4. If you owe money on your car, call your lender for instructions about paying it off before you advertise it for sale.
5. Run a short ad in your local daily paper and in any "traders." Study other ads for tips on wording.
6. Use common sense with any stranger who wants to drive your car before making an offer: Check the person's driver's license; write down the tag number of the person's car.
7. Become a salesperson: Talk up your car's good points. Has it been dependable? Have you kept careful maintenance records?
8. Don't talk trade or finance. And don't come down off your asking price too quickly. If you've marked up your car \$2,000, come down in increments of \$50 or \$75. And remember: Any amount you receive above your car's "wholesale" value is extra profit to you.
9. Don't accept personal checks. Insist upon a cashier's check or cash.

Selling a car yourself rather than trading it in takes work and patience. And your chances of success aren't 100%. But tens of thousands of people just as inexperienced as you do it every week, and do it successfully. And wouldn't that extra thousand or so come in handy?

SHARE RATES

Share Programs	APY *
IRAs	
12 months	3.80%
24 months	3.87%
36 months	4.17%
48 months	4.50%
60 months	4.75%
CU Share Savings (min. \$5 processing fee; \$25 min. to establish account)	1.30%
CU Time Shares* (min. \$500 required to earn dividends)	
3 months	2.87%
6 months	3.10%
9 months	3.77%
12 months	3.80%
18 months	3.85%
24 months	3.87%
36 months	4.17%
48 months	4.50%
60 months	4.75%
CU Jumbo Time Shares* (min. \$100,000 required to earn dividends)	
3 months	2.88%
6 months	3.20%
9 months	3.79%
12 months	3.90%
18 months	3.92%
24 months	3.95%
36 months	4.20%
48 months	4.75%
60 months	5.00%
CU Advantage Free Checking	0.75%
CU Club Accounts	1.80%
CU Money Fund Plus (min. \$2500 required to establish account)	
\$2,500	2.15%
\$5,000	2.30%
\$10,000	2.45%

*All rates are expressed as Annual Percentage Yields and are subject to change without prior notice. Yields are effective 8/22/05. Minimum amount required to open the following accounts are: Jumbo Time Share \$100,000, Regular Time Shares \$500, CU Money Fund Plus \$2,500. Rates may vary depending on terms and amount of investment. Early withdrawal penalties apply. Applicable fees may reduce earnings of the account. Other restrictions apply. See a Credit Union representative for details.

Loan Programs	APR *
CU At Home**	now available
1st Mortgage	now available
Construction	now available
Refinance	now available
Home Equity	now available
Personal Loans	as low as 6.99%
Line of Credit	as low as 6.99%
Shared Secured Loans	as low as 2% above dividend rate
Motorcycle Loan	as low as 5.99%
New Auto Loans	as low as 3.99%
Used Auto Loans	as low as 4.99%
Discount Auto Loan	1% less on your loan***

*APR = Annual Percentage Rate. Rate as of 1/3/06, maximum term of 60-months. 100% financing available only to approved buyers. Auto loans up to eight model years or newer. Autos purchased within the last 6 months may be considered as new Auto. Rates and conditions are determined by the Asset and Liability Committee (ALCO) and are subject to change without notice. Subject to credit approval. Certain restrictions apply, call 477-8736 or contact us at www.ggefuc.com. Direct deposit payment highly recommended.

**Specific loan programs may have qualifying areas; such as income, credit, loan to value ratios, length of employment, property type, etc. Rates and program guidelines are subject to change without notice. Application Fees will apply on all Mortgage Products. There is no guarantee that all loans meeting published guidelines will be approved. Certain restrictions may apply. Call 477-8736 for more details.

***Discount Loan Program: You must have a minimum of \$5,000 loan balance on your current loan and provide printed proof of current APR. Minimum Rate = 4%, Maximum Rate = 18%.

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When you open up a Christmas Club with yields as high as:

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CU Savings

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Save your worries away and be prepared for next holiday season! When you save with a Christmas Club you can get a head start on shopping because you receive your savings in October! Start your Christmas Club Account today! Call 477-8736 for details!

*All rates are expressed as Annual Percentage Yields and are subject to change without prior notice. Yields are effective 8/22/05. Offer applies to new funds only. Rates may vary depending on terms and amount of investment. Early withdrawal penalties apply. Applicable fees may reduce earnings of the account. Other restrictions apply. See a Credit Union representative for details.



Your funds are federally insured to \$100,000 by the National Credit Union Administration.

OTHER PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

CU Express Card

Member Telephone Services/CU Web Branch
Online Banking at ggefuc.com. Click... Connect... Done.

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Notary Service

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ATM LOCATIONS

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